

TITLE 16. VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Veterinary Medical Board (hereinafter "board") is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center for Conservation Research located at 15600 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027 at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the address listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2006, or must be received by the board at the hearing

The board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

AUTHORITY & REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by Section 4808 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 4842.5 and 4905 of said Code, the board is considering changes to Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Existing law authorizes the Veterinary Medical Board to collect fees necessary to carry out the Boards mandate. In addition, the Board is authorized to retain a maximum balance equal to 10 months of expenditures in its contingency fund.

1. Amend Section 2070

Existing regulations authorize the Board to collect fees in order to carry out its mandate and to maintain an adequate balance in the contingency fund. This proposed regulatory change would increase fees for the Veterinary Medical Board as follows:

(a) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the eligibility review fee for all examinations from \$65 to \$100.

(b) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the fee for the California state board examination from \$140 to \$150.

(c) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the fee for the veterinary law examination from \$35 to \$50.

(d) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the initial license fee for veterinary licenses issued by the Veterinary Medical Board for one year or more from \$225 to \$250 and to increase the initial license fee for less than one year from \$112.50 to \$125.

(e) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the license renewal fee for veterinary licenses issued by the Veterinary Medical Board from \$225 to \$250.

2. Amend Section 2071

Existing regulations authorize the Board to collect fees in order to carry out its mandate and to maintain an adequate balance in the contingency fund. This proposed regulatory change would increase fees for the Registered Veterinary Technician Committee as follows:

(a) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the application eligibility review fee for candidates applying for the California registered veterinary technician examination from \$75 to \$100.

(b) The purpose of this regulation is to establish a specific fee for the registered veterinary technician examination of \$150.

(c) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the one-year or more initial registration fee for veterinary technicians from \$75 to \$100 and to increase the initial registration fee for less than one year from \$37.50 to \$50.

(d) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the biennial renewal fee for registered veterinary technicians from \$75 to \$100.

(e) The purpose of this regulation is to establish a delinquent fee for registered veterinary technicians of \$25.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact:

The board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory

action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or the elimination of jobs or impact the creation of or eliminate existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Veterinary Medical Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The board has determined that the proposed regulations would not significantly affect small businesses.

This regulation may have an insignificant impact only on those businesses who pay the examination, licensing, and registration fees for their employees.

The Board is not increasing any fees relative to veterinary business (premises) including registration or renewal fees.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Veterinary Medical Board at 1420 Howe Avenue, Suite 6, Sacramento, CA 95825-3228.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below.

CONTACT PERSON

Any inquiries or comments concerning the proposed rulemaking action may be addressed to:

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